

Please replace paragraph [0065] with the following:

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In step S2, an interaction may be initiated between the reader 100/120 and the LAN server 150 or Network server 140 beginning with the transmission of data to the network server 140. For example, the data transmitted may include data from the MRL device T plus other information, the other information including, for example, the identity of the user and/or certain profile data characterizing the user. Included with the information from the MRL device T may be a network address to which the reader 100/120 may connect to complete the information exchange. The interaction is continued as defined by an interaction process running on the server 140 at step S3. The data exchanged in the interaction may include data responsive to the acquired data, further user input S4, and/or data stored on the network server 140. Generally, it is contemplated that the interaction would be conducted in accord with, and by means of, a client-server process, for example using HDML (handheld device markup language), a markup language for small wireless devices or HTML (hypertext markup language).

Please replace paragraph [0127] with the following:

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Referring to FIG. 12, a modification of the process of FIG. 6A allows a user to receive information through a fixed 120 or portable reader 100 and, in case the user chooses not to receive a response at that time or the portable reader 100 is unable to connect to the server 140, the response is delayed and continued later. Assume the user scans the MRL device T causing the reader 100/120 to acquire data from the MRL device T in step S10. In step S12, the reader 100/120 determines if it is able to connect with the network/Internet 130. If the reader 100/120 is

connected, the interaction may be initiated between the reader 100/120 and the LAN server 150 or Network server 140 beginning with the transmission of data to the network server 140 at step S16. For example, the data transmitted may include data from the MRL device T plus other information, the other information including, for example, the identity of the user and/or certain profile data characterizing the user. Included with the information from the MRL device T may be a network address to which the reader 100/120 may connect to complete the information exchange. The interaction is continued as defined by the interaction process running on the server 140 at step S20. The data exchanged in the interaction may include data responsive to the acquired data, further user input, and/or data stored on the network server 140. Generally, it is contemplated that the interaction would be conducted in accord with, and by means of, a client-server process, for example using HDML (handheld device markup language), a markup language for small wireless devices or HTML (hypertext markup language).

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A system for tracking descriptive information about a changeable article:

a machine-readable label (MRL) attachable to articles;

one or more processors connectable to a MRL reader and programmed to create an association between data stored in an MRL with particular data describing a given article and store said association in a data store;